Domestic demand and supply of Naptha

2503. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the current policy of Government on allocation of domestic naptha to power projects;

(b) particulars of proposals approved/ pending from power companies for allocation of domestic naptha; and

(c) what is the projections for domestic demand and supply of naptha for the next five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) A number of applications for allocation of domestic naphtha are received from various companies which propose to set up power projects. These arc processed in consultation with the Oil Companies, the Oil Coordination Committee and the Ministry of Power. Allocation is made on the recommendation of the Ministry of Power. All efforts are made to expedite the decision on the applications.

The projections for domestic demand and supply of naptha for next five years are yet to be firmed up.

Proposal for setting up Food Processing Industries in Andaman and Nicobar Islands

2504. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme to set up Food Processing Industries in Andaman and Nicobar Islands for marine projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) While there is no specific Scheme exclusively for Andaman & Nicobar Islands, this Ministry is operating a Scheme for providing assistance for setting up of infrastructural facilities for preservation and processing of fish, under which financial assistance to the extent of 50% of the capital cost is admissible as grant-in-aid. Under this Scheme, a sum of Rs. 28.435 lakhs and Rs 69 75 lakhs has been provided to Ms. Andaman & Nicobar Islands Integrated Development Corporation Limited during the years 1992-93 and 1993-94 respectively.

(c) Does not arise.

Funds earmarked for forestry

2505. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pjeased to state:

(a) the funds earmarked for forestry during the Eighth Five year plan period;

(b) the year-wise amount allotted to different States out of that;

(c) the steps taken to implement the programmes pertaining to forestry by each State during the Eighth Five year Plan; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) The financial allocations for afforestation and tree planting activities Jiave been finalised by the Planning Commission in consultation with the Ministry of Environment and Forests and the State Governments for the Eighth Plan Period (1992—97). Details of State-wise allocations for the last three years are given in the Annexure. *[See* Appendix 175, Annexure No. 58]

(c) and (d) Afforestation and tree planting activities are carried out throughout the country under the Twenty Point Programme subject to the overall availability of funds under the Central and State Plans. These activities arc taken up under various schemes of the